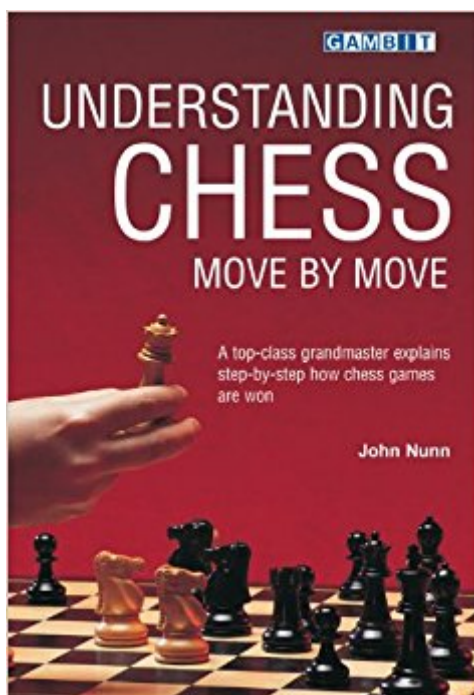


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Great book! I just got the book and it's been great so far! Very detailed in why the moves were played. I'd suggest you use 2 boards while studying through this book. (One can be a computer) This way you can do the variation moves. I'm practicing my over the board play so I have 2 tournament boards set up. You don't necessarily have to use two boards, but I believe it will be a benefit to you. I spent 1.99 on book and 3.99 on shipping. Completely worth every cent.

Good book although a little bit advanced. Some of the games presented are difficult to follow. Perhaps it will be necessary (at least for me) to read "Understanding Chess middlegames" by the same author.

Although Chernev's *Logical Chess Move by Move* is a classic and a "must read" this book takes you to the next level. Yes Nunn provides some deep variations...but the book is easily enjoyed just by reading the "text" moves. The book is a collection of great (recent) games and a treatise on chess strategy.

In the style of Irving Chernev's "Logical Chess: Move By Move," comes the variation intensive version by John Nunn. It was one of the books I read that helped me move up from Class D to Class C and I'd recommend it for Elo 1400 and up. For me, it was all in how I studied it -- every move, every variation, all while covering up each move and trying to figure out the right move. Though it's not quite the computer dump of Garry Kasparov's "My Great Predecessors" series, I got dizzy at times and thought I'd need four or five boards, but the book is as instructive as it gets. I spent 23 hours on Karpov-Ribli (12 the first day, 11 the next) alone. Broken up into Opening Themes,

Middlegame Themes (including Attacking Play, Defensive Play and Positional Play) and Endgame Themes, these 30 games are great examples of why studying instructive games help improve a chess player's ability to calculate. Put some work into in and you should be as satisfied as I was. Highly recommended.

I do not expect this review to be seen at this point, due to the length of time of publication, but, here goes anyway. As of now (2011) there is a series of books by Everyman on a Move by Move theme. Years ago, this book came out. It stands on an equal platform with the Everyman series. With the very first game, one learns at least five lessons that are valuable. ON THE VERY FIRST GAME! The concept of a move by move book is to slow it down, to show the themes of every move. This book is a great example of this. A must buy, for those who are at the club level who need a slow process of explanations, that every 2100 + level player goes through by instinct.

This is a helpful book, as I am taking up chess after a long hiatus. Helps my rusty brain grasp the concepts again.

I've read a variety of books concerning "positional" or "strategical" chess. This one is by far the most useful I've seen in a long time. Many of the others I just say "Huh?" and give up because it is too incomprehensible. Mr Nunn brings it down to those of us who are struggling in the middle. Way above beginner, but still somewhat lost.

Use this often as a reference. I'm new at chess but have worked my way to level 5 on a level 10 computer chess game. This book helped me understand "The Sicilian Defense." I have been able to win against it up to and through level 5. I really love playing against Black's Sicilian which has many variations. Great investment.

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